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FCC Proceeding No. 02-306

Dear Commissioners:

Over the last four years, SBC Pacific Bell has worked with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to enter the state's long distance market. As a member of the California State Assembly, I have followed the progress of this proceeding and am pleased that the CPUC finally endorsed SBC Pacific Bell's application on September 19, 2002.

After your 90-day review, I hope that the FCC will also approve the application and allow California consumers to benefit from increased competition. As the California economy continues to struggle – indeed, as the national economy continues to struggle – it has never been more important than now to move forward on this application. Our state's consumers need and want opportunities to save money. California businesses that want to grow and expand – whether here in the U.S. or around the world – need reliable and affordable telecommunications services. Granting SBC Pacific Bell's long distance application will increase competition in this sector – benefiting our state's consumers big and small.

The FCC has approved applications from more than 20 other states; the increased competition has led to better pricing, a more diverse product offering, and improved service quality. SBC Pacific Bell's entry into long distance will bring these same benefits to California consumers.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and I encourage you to move forward and approve this application.

Sincerely,

LOU CORREA
California State Assembly, 69th District

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